

From our Acting Principal Mrs Cat Roberts

Tēnā koutou katoa Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

We had a very successful open day last week with over 180 students, and their families, visiting our College to learn more about life at Sacred Heart. Enrolments for 2020 are open and we have further opportunities for potential students to meet the Principal and tour the school when Catherine Gunn has returned, as well as to attend our 'Experience Sacred Heart' days, later in the year.

At the beginning of the term, Constable Pete, our School Community Officer from NZ Police, delivered a CyberSafety presentation to all our students in year level assemblies. His presentation covered important issues for teenagers today, such as how to keep themselves safe on social media and the impacts of cyberbullying. We often hear from parents that providing support for their daughter in staying safe online is challenging - Netsafe (www.netsafe.org.nz) is a fantastic resource for information and has a section dedicated to parents that I would encourage you to take the time to explore.

Once again, NCEA has been in the media, with the Minister of Education announcing a package of seven changes to NCEA earlier this week. There are several key themes emerging from the change package released that centre around making NCEA more accessible and equitable, and to simplify the structure of the system, with changes to the achievement standards to address workload issues for both students and teachers. The final change package and a design and implementation plan for these is scheduled to be presented to Government Cabinet in November of this year. What we do know it is likely that the implementation process will begin in 2020, and will be rolled out over a number of years with time to draft, trial and revise proposed changes to assessment. As further information comes to us about this plan, we will be sure to share this with our community.

I hope that all of our Mums (in whatever way, shape or form that looks within your whānau) were treated to a Happy Mother's Day last weekend.

'Me aro koe ki te hā O Hineahuone - take heed the power and dignity of women.'

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

17 May	Waikato Uni Open Day Hawkes Bay Jazz Band Competition
23 & 24 May	Yr 10 Retreat
28 & 29 May	Arts Showcase
29 May	Teachers Strike Action (TBC)
30 May	Yr 13 Retreat
31 May	Feast of the Visitation Liturgy Mission Cup
3 June	Queens Birthday



ART SHOWCASE 2019 SHGC SJC
COMBINED

SHOWCASING OUR STUDENTS TALENTS ACROSS BOTH SCHOOLS

TICKET PRICE \$8
28 MAY 2019
SHGC HALL, 7PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM BOTH SJC AND SHGC MAIN OFFICES

Our Vision

Ignite the Passion: inspiring young women to change the world - me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone.

We live the virtues of Faith, Hope and Justice.

Our charism is expressed through **Communion, Contemplation, Mission.**

CURRICULUM NEWS

NCEA OVERHAUL and NCEA Fees

On Monday 13 May, the proposed changes to NCEA were released by the government. Full details of these changes are in the following document. Link: [2019 NCEA Change Package](#)

One part of this package which takes effect 2019 is that domestic students will no longer be charged fees for participating in NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship. If you have already paid fees for NCEA these will be credited to your account. International Students will still be required to pay fees and these will be charged in the usual manner.

NESIAN FESTIVAL

Avalldamarie Godinet performed at the Nesian Festival held in Hamilton last weekend. She sang two songs - a Samoan song and a Pacific medley.



SACRED SAINTS

Sacred Saints (combined SJC/SHGC Concert Band) competed at the Matamata Music Festival last weekend, gaining a Bronze Medal. The adjudicator was impressed with their ensemble togetherness, varied programme, rhythmic accuracy and phrasing. They are heading to the Hawkes Bay to compete this weekend. Two students from SHGC also play in the Waikato Youth Symphonic Band (Grace Raynel and Helena Locke). This band was awarded a coveted Gold Certificate. Life is busy for these musicians and they are great ambassadors for our school.



ITALY TRIP

On the 15th April, 39 students and 7 staff began our long trek to the beautiful country of Italy. We spent two weeks trying the local food, exploring the charismatic streets and immersing ourselves in the history and culture of the country. On our trip we explored the many amazing sights that Italy had to offer, the highlights for many being the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Blue Grotto in Capri. Our pizza making class and often daily scoops of gelato were also a real hit. Attending the Anzac Day commemorations and seeing Pope Francis at the papal audience were unique experiences too. Every single one of us who went has made memories that will last forever and it is all thanks to the lovely Mrs Giles and the accompanying teachers who helped us really make the most of this trip of a lifetime.



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

WAKA AMA

Ashlea Iti achieved a gold medal in the long distance (16km) Mixed Group, Open Series at the NZ Nationals for Waka Ama. Well done Ashlea, SHGC are very proud of your achievements!



SPORTS AWARDS

On Wednesday we held our Summer Sport Awards, celebrating the achievements of students that participated in our summer codes. Details of all the recipients along with some great photos can be found here: [Sports Awards](#)

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD

At the end of Term 1, the Silver Duke of Ed students, along with Mrs Cooper and Mrs Wolff completed a challenging 3 day practice tramp on the lower slopes of Mt Taranaki. It included long drives, staying in a very comfortable lodge



one night and huts the other two nights, some pretty serious bush bashing (with help from two instructors from Outdoor Training Taranaki) and a long, cold, wet day skirting the sides of Fantham's Peak. Views of the first snowfall greeted us the next morning. This hardy group will find the qualifying tramp easy in comparison!



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

We welcomed four new students (Years 9 - 11) at the start of Term 2 and are busy processing applications for Term 3. I have been in Vietnam this week, promoting our school to agents and parents.

When international students leave their homes and schools it is a multi-layered experience - cultural, educational, emotional and often spiritual. We recently had a student who was only with us for a very short time but she shared how much her brief stay meant to her. Before her stay, she had been a victim of bullying but now felt stronger and more confident to deal with her life back home. This is a wonderful example of how we can, even in a short time, "make a difference" to a young person's life.

So, for all those who have encouraged, supported and welcomed our International Students, thank you.

Julie Radice

International Director

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NOEL LEEMING - FRIENDS & FAMILY DEAL

The Noel Leeming Friends and Family offer is available from 20-26 May 2019 and is open to anyone associated with Catholic schools. Cost plus 10% store-wide

(excludes IT accessories, PC Software, AV Accessories and PC Consumables)

Print and present this flyer: Friends & Family Deals Flyer, or show it on your device in store.



STUDENT ABSENCES

For all Student Absentees, including away from school, appointments or late to school, please report to the following:

Email: absences@shgcham.school.nz

Phone: 07 856 7874 ext 2852

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